



**Administrative Policy
Weed Control and Abatement**

Community Development – A 405

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Summary

The Town of Payson Community Development and Fire Departments work hand in hand to address weed complaints received for all properties within the Town. It is the goal of these departments to provide an expeditious and uniform policy for resolving citizen complaints related to fire hazards and/or public nuisances.

The process is primarily citizen driven and is initiated when a written complaint is filed with either the Fire Department or the Community Development Department. Town staff will work with citizens to determine if a violation exists and will work toward ensuring that all violations are corrected in compliance with acceptable standards and appropriate timeframes.

Weed Complaint Process

1. Upon receipt of a complaint by the department, the fire department or code enforcement personnel shall inspect the property in question to determine whether a violation exists.
2. If Town Staff determines that no violation exists, the findings will be documented, the case will be closed and a response will be generated to the complainant explaining the findings.
3. If a violation is found to exist, Town Staff shall take appropriate action to abate the violation. Staff will exercise discretion in contacting the property owner or responsible party. Contact may be in person, by telephone or by mail.
4. If no effort to abate the violation is made by the property owner or tenant, further enforcement action will be taken in accordance with the respective code for the department investigating the complaint.
 - a. If the property is deemed to pose a fire danger, the Fire Department will pursue enforcement in accordance with the adopted Fire Code.
 - b. If the property is deemed a public nuisance as defined by the Unified Development Code or Town of Payson Code of Ordinances, the Community Development Department will pursue enforcement action in accordance with those adopted codes respectively.